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1. A rough sketch is enclosed* of a new road under construction** from the Oxus River to Balkh and to Mazar-i-Sharif.***
2. The bulk of gasoline received from the Soviet Union will be transported over this road. The gasoline is to be delivered at Termez and floated down the Oxus to Kilif, and taken from there by truck to Mazar-i-Sharif.

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Comment. The sketch is reproduced on page two of this report.

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Comment. It is questionable when the road will be completed.

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Comment. Afghanistan Terrain Transportation Map 10944, Map Branch, CIA, July 1948 (First Revision, December 1950) indicates a dry weather road from Balkh northwest to Dagla Arosa. The position of Dagla Arosa, on the south side of the Oxus approximately opposite Kilif, seems to correspond closely with that of Kuft on the attached sketch. It is not clear whether these roads are identical or parallel, or whether the old road is being improved.

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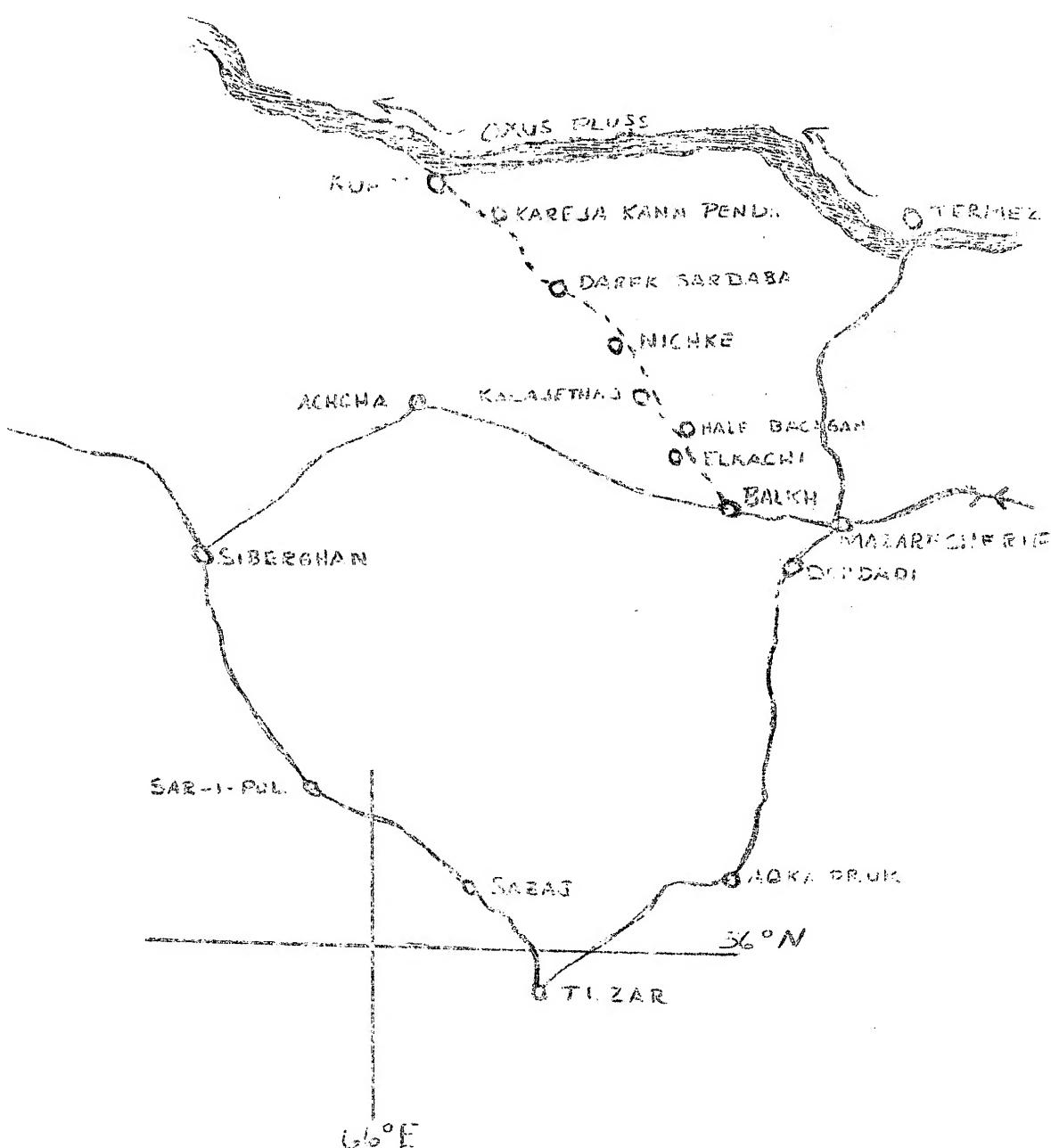
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